

Fairbury Article in July 1948 Issue of the Illinois State Archaeological Society

Several libraries in Illinois have a copy of this magazine, but they will not lend it to another library because they consider it a “Reference Book” style holding.

The McLean County Museum of History has a copy of this magazine in its holdings. I am currently a member of this group and I contacted Bill Kemp, Librarian, to see if I could get a copy of this Fairbury article.

Bill graciously scanned in the article and emailed it to me on October 22, 2024.

Bill also noted the personal sticker of Ben Nussbaum was on the copy of the magazine they hold. Bill speculated this copy was donated by Ben Nussbaum, or his estate, to the McLean County Museum of History. Bill scanned in this sticker and it is shown below:



Ben Nussbaum must have started to collect Native American artifacts back in 1898 per his sticker.

The May 27, 1948, issue of the Pantagraph published a story about this event. On May 28, 1948, the Blade also published a story about this event. The article in the July 1948 issue of the Issue of the Illinois State Archaeological Society is similar, but slightly different than both of these newspaper articles.

The Blade and the Pantagraph stories are contained in my book titled ***Fairbury, Illinois, from Prehistoric Times to Modern Times***. Copies of this book are available from the Dominy Library and can be purchased at Fairbury Furniture in the Walton Building in Fairbury, or ordered online from Amazon.com.

I may add this 1948 article from the Illinois State Archaeological Society to my book at a future date. I will upload a copy of this article to Archive.Org, so in the future anyone can view and/or download a copy.

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